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SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President, this amendment is in the same general area brought to us by the Indian Commission, but goes to the issue of school districts and postsecondary educational institutions may employ approved American Indian language teachers to teach their native language. Each tribe shall develop both a written and an oral test that must be successful completed in order to determine that a teacher is approved to teach the tribe's native language. The tribe shall include, but not be limited to, which dialects will be used, whether it will be standardized, its writing tests, and how the teaching methods will be evaluated in the classroom. The teacher approval tests shall be administered at a community college or a state college. That explains the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Discussion on the motion to return? Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to close. Senator Bohlke waives closing. The question before us is the adoption of the motion to return LB 475 to Select File. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 43 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is agreed to. To open on AM0873, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I have nothing to add to AMO873, but thank you once again for your indulgence.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Further discussion? Senator Bohlke, would you like to close? Senator Bohlke waives closing. Question before us is the adoption of AMO873. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 475 to E & R for engrossing.